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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: K Heneghan )  
Serial No.: 10/037,020 )  
Filing Date: 12/21/01 )  
Title: MINI BLIND CLEANING )  
SUPPORT SYSTEM )

Examiner: Laura C. Cole  
Art Unit: 1744

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Sir:

January 31, 2004

**Declaration Regarding Post Office Address**

Regarding the Examiner's observation that the Declaration in the above-identified application did not include Applicant's post office address, Applicant declares that the following was her Post Office address and residence at the time of the execution of the Declaration and continues to be her Post Office address and residence.

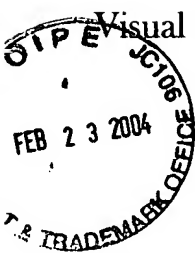
Applicant's Post Office address is 466 Dee Lane.

Applicant's residence is Roselle, IL 60172

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted

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**In Re** United States Patent Application Ser. No.10/037,020, Filed 12/21/01, entitled MINI BLIND  
CLEANING SUPPORT SYSTEM

February 13, 2004

**Declaration**

I, Karen Heneghan declare the following:

I am the inventor of the Mini Blind Cleaning System invention of the above-entitled United States patent application and the sole proprietor of Visual Safety Products, a company that is commercializing the Product under the trademark MiniMaids® Venetian Blind Cleaning Tool. The Product consists of a set of suction cup-mounted left, right and middle brackets (as illustrated in the patent application drawings) for supporting a mini blind for cleaning.

To date approximately \$43,000.00, exclusive of salaries, normal utilities and supplies, has been expended for design, development, prototyping and bringing the Product to market.

The Product is currently sold through the following mail order catalogs:

HSN-Improvements HomeFocus  
Gadget Corner  
Sporty's  
Silvo  
Taylor Gifts.

Retail Sales in 2002 totaled \$18,668.76 (2,324 Product units)

Retail Sales in 2003 totaled \$56,103.56 (6,184 Product units)

Retail Sales to-date in 2004 totaled \$18,526.18. (1,966 Product units)

Negotiations are under way (through a marketing agreement with Design Life Products, Inc.) for the Product to be carried by the following retailers.

Ace Hardware  
TruServe  
Sears  
Do It Best  
Walgreens  
Linen & Things  
Kmart  
Meijers  
Orchard Supply  
Handy Hardware  
Rainbow Distributors  
United Hardware  
Oreschlen Farm & Home and Bed  
Bath & More (Canada).

The current manufacturer of the Product, Kentool, Inc. has requested an agreement be drawn up to market and sell the Product to other retailers.

Strong interest in carrying the Product has been expressed by Publishers Clearing House and Starcrest Products of California.

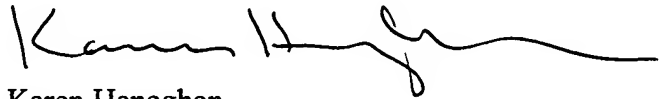
The Product was featured in the April 2003 issue of D&WC, The Magazine For Interior Fashion Professionals.

I have been interviewed on WBBM 780 AM radio "Made In Chicago" regarding the Product.

A test commercial for the Product aired in January on TWC and CNN/Headline News in the Minneapolis, MN viewing area.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Heneghan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Heneghan